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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Nagaoka et al.

Appln. No.: 10/088,304

Examiner: Fred H. Peng

Filed: March 15, 2002

Art Unit: 2623

For: PROGRAM PROVIDING  
SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No: 9683/109

**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following references:

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
JP H08-307942	Nov. 22, 1996	JPO
JP H11-306068	Nov. 5, 1999	JPO

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References E1 and E2 are in Japanese. Applicant is submitting an English abstract for each of the References.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

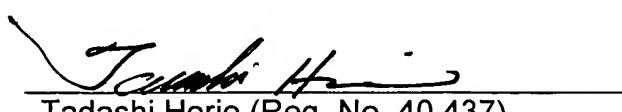
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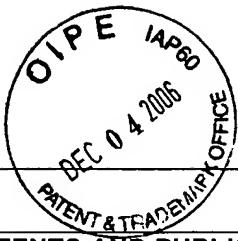
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Respectfully submitted,

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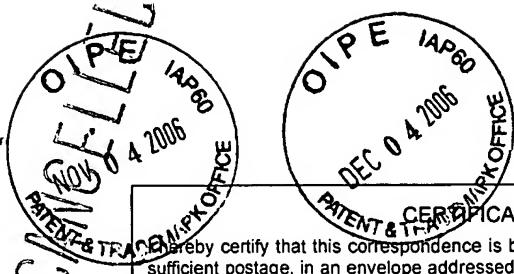
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	E1	JP H08-307942	Nov. 22, 1996	Japan		Yes (Abstract)
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